

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-020**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION  
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF  
THE COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

- 1. This Board recognizes the importance of maintaining and protecting the natural environment for the health, safety and public welfare and economic life of the citizens and visitors of St. Lucie County.
- 2. This Board desires to reauthorize the establishment of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the Board of County Commissioners on matters relating to the natural environment and to review and provide recommendations to the Board on environmental issues.
- 3. This Board desires further to define the duties and functions of the Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

**PART A:**

- 1. This Board does hereby recreate the Environmental Advisory Committee. Such Committee shall have the following duties and functions:
  - a. To advise and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on matters relating to implementation of the Objectives and Policies of the County's Comprehensive Plan through either the development of free standing environmental and resource protection/ enhancement regulations or specific Land Development Code Amendments that implement these programs. and,

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b. To provide any other duties or functions as requested by the Board of County Commissioners on environmental issues.

c. The Board of County Commissioners specifically finds that the duties and responsibilities of this Committee do not include the routine review of applications for site plan or building permit review unless specifically directed by the Board.

2. The actions, decisions and recommendations of the Committee shall not be final or binding on the Board of County Commissioners, but shall be advisory only.

3. The Environmental Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed as follows:

a. Each Board member shall appoint one (1) member to serve on the Committee, and such members' terms shall run concurrent with the term of the appointing Commissioner. The Board shall solicit recommendations from a cross-section of community organizations for the Board appointments. The Board shall make all efforts to ensure that the membership composition of the Board is representative of all interested or effect groups in regard to environmental regulation matters.

b. The remaining two (2) members shall be selected for appointment to the committee by each of the following organizations for two (2) year terms:

- 1.) St. Lucie County Conservation Organization
- 2.) St. Lucie County chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

c. All members shall serve without compensation.

d. During the first meeting of each calendar year, the members shall select a Chairman from among the membership to serve for a one (1) year term.

4. Vacancies for all appointments shall be filled upon:

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- a. Death of a member.
- b. Resignation.
- c. Removal by appointing authority.
- d. Three (3) unexcused absences in a six (6) month period.

- 5. Vacancies shall be filled by the person or organization that nominated the member who created the vacancy, subject to the appointment approval of the Board of County Commissioners for the unexpired term only.
- 6. The Committee Chairman shall establish a time and place for holding meetings as shall be necessary and the Committee shall adopt such rules of organization and procedure as may be required.
- 7. The Committee may establish sub-committees for specific subjects or tasks from among its members. The Committee shall hold its first meeting as soon as possible from the date this resolution is adopted.
- 8. The Public Works Department/ Environmental Resource Division shall provide administrative support for the Committee and shall keep a record of its proceedings.
- 9. If any action, sentence, or clause of this resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

PART B:

Through the approval of this resolution, Resolutions 92-34, 92-266 and 99-19 are hereby repealed.

After motion and second, the vote on this resolution was as follows:

Chairman Paula Lewis	AYE
Vice-Chairman John Bruhn	AYE
Commissioner Cliff Barnes	ABSENT

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Commissioner Paula Lewis AYE

Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson AYE

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2004.

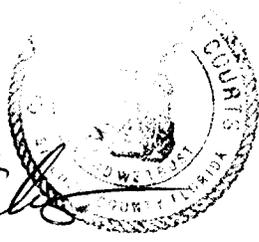
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY Paula A. Lewis  
Chairman

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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Deputy Clerk



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County Attorney

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